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Military and other non-economic agreements between Cuba and the Soviet and Communist Chinese Blocs

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Fidel Castro said in November 1962, for instance, that the Soviet Union had canceled Cuba's debt for military equipment. As events unfolded during the first seven months of 1963, it became apparent that there must have been a Cuban-Soviet agreement under which various Soviet weapons systems in Cuba were to be turned over gradually to Cuban control as Cubans were trained in their use and maintenance.

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relating to the goals, tactics, and leadership of the Communist effort in Latin America were almost certainly discussed during Castro's visit. However, there is only a bland hint of what may have been agreed upon contained in the joint communique.

There are a large number of agreements on a number of other subjects between Cuba and all the countries of the Soviet and Chinese blocs. Some of these were concluded as long ago as 1960 and most are a matter of public record. These agreements range from cultural exchange agreements to communications and transportation agreements, agreements to facilitate each other's international news agencies and agreements on the exchange of taped radio and TV programs. Supplemental protocols have been concluded on a number of these agreements. A series of scientific exchange agreements has recently been under negotiation between Cuba and most bloc countries as a result of the three-month trip through the bloc of Antonio Nunez Jimenez, chairman of the Cuban commission on the National Academy of Sciences.

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